

Remarks/Arguments

Amendment of the specification has been made to correct some inconsistencies between the specification and figure 2. No new matter has been presented.

35 U.S.C. §112, ¶ 2

The Examiner has rejected claims 3 and 4 as being indefinite for reciting a method without reciting any steps in the method/process. Claim 4 has been cancelled and amended claim 3 recites a

“Method for automatic detection of a video signal comprising the steps of:

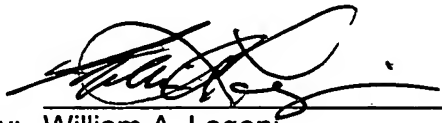
- a) selecting a component video signal;
- b) switching said component video signal to an output if a valid luminance signal exists at said component video input;
- c) selecting a CVBS input signal or an S-VHS input signal if a valid luminance signal does not exist at said component video input; and
- d) switching said CVBS signal or said S-VHS signal to an output if a valid luminance signal exists at respective said CVBS input or said S-VHS input.”

Applicant respectfully asserts amended claim 3 is no longer indefinite and claim 4 has been cancelled. Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3 and 4 under both 35 USC §112, ¶ 2 and 35 USC §101.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (317) 587-4029, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,

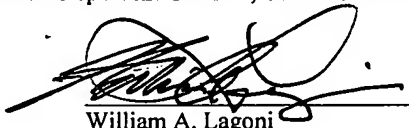

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